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# Executive

**Thursday 14 February 2019 at 5.00pm**

**in the Council Chamber, Council Offices,  
Market Street, Newbury**

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**WestBerkshire**  
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To:	Councillors Dominic Boeck, Graham Bridgman, Anthony Chadley, Jeanette Clifford, Hilary Cole, Lynne Doherty, James Fredrickson, Graham Jones, Rick Jones and Richard Somner
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# Agenda

## Part I

Pages

1. **Apologies for Absence**  
To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).
2. **Minutes** 9 - 14  
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 17 January 2019.
3. **Declarations of Interest**  
To remind Members of the need to record the existence and nature of any personal, disclosable pecuniary or other registrable interests in items on the agenda, in accordance with the Members' [Code of Conduct](#).
4. **Public Questions**  
Members of the Executive to answer questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with the Executive Procedure Rules contained in the Council's Constitution.
  - (a) **Question submitted by Miss Louise Harriet Coulson to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Transformation and Property**  
*"Can you tell me precisely how the council has invested their pension's fund?"*
  - (b) **Question submitted by Miss Louise Harriet Coulson to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Transformation and Property**  
*"Does the Council have shares in any companies that are in any way connected to weapons manufacturers or tobacco companies?"*
  - (c) **Question submitted by Miss Louise Harriet Coulson to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**  
*"Can you assure me that the Council, when making provisions for SWEP, have taken into account the homeless in West Berkshire with no local connection but valid reasons for not wanting to return to their local area, i.e domestic abuse and other such issues?"*



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- (d) **Question submitted by Mr Joseph Clarke to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**  
*“Can you tell me the difference that the MEAM (Making Every Adult Matter) approach has made to the lives of the most vulnerable rough sleepers in West Berkshire, since the MEAM partnership became operational a year ago?”*
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- (e) **Question submitted by Mr Peter Carline to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Transformation and Property**  
*“Could you tell me what ‘the benefits of Brexit’ are that the Council and Councillors have referred to in previous correspondence with me?”*
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- (f) **Question submitted by Ms Helen Picken to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People**  
*“In light of the national coverage regarding increases in demand and spend in Children's Social Care can you tell me what this Council is doing to manage the situation?”*
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- (g) **Question submitted by Mr Frazer Dobson to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Transformation and Property**  
*“Given that the Council consulted on other funding reductions why did the Council not include the cut in funding to the Corn Exchange in its 2019/20 budget consultation?”*
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- (h) **Question submitted by Ms Susan Millington to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**  
*“In the light of the Government's recent Resources and Waste Strategy commitment to recommend that local authorities provide weekly collection of food waste and free garden waste collection (in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from landfill), will West Berkshire Council please reconsider its Green Bin charge?”*
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- (i) **Question submitted by Ms Carlyne Culver to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**  
*“Bearing in mind the confusion regarding which items can be recycled at the kerbside, would the Council consider providing bin stickers as a constant reminder for residents?”*
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- (j) **Question submitted by Mr Thomas Tunney to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**  
*“Why hasn't any portion of the £210,000 rough sleeper initiative fund gone to any of the voluntary organisations involved in the winter plan?”*
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- (k) **Question submitted by Mr Thomas Tunney to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**  
*“What shortfall of beds have you asked West Berkshire homeless to cover?”*
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(l) **Question submitted by Mr Steve Masters to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**

*“Why did West Berkshire Council ignore feedback and advice from the voluntary sector about rough sleeper numbers and actively block the opening of a shelter in December and ensure that the rough sleepers spent another month on the streets?”*

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(m) **Question submitted by Dr Julie Wintrup to the Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing, Leisure and Culture**

*“With a significant full council next month, what arrangements will executive put in place to ensure the public including people with disabilities is able to engage fully with proceedings?”*

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(n) **Question submitted by Dr Julie Wintrup to the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services**

*“Can Executive please describe how confident it is that it is fully compliant in its legal and ethical duties to members of the public and vulnerable groups, when commissioning, conducting or collaborating in research in its broadest sense, including consultations and ‘customer surveys’?”*

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(o) **Question submitted by Ms Carolyne Culver to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**

*“What was the cost of collecting fly tipped waste in the third quarter of 2018/19 compared with the third quarter of 2017/18?”*

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(p) **Question submitted by Mr Lee McDougall to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Communications**

*“As Councillor Fredrickson committed publicly in June 2018 that West Berks Council would re-open the Community Football Ground in Faraday Road in September 2018 can the Council explain why this vital community asset is still closed to the public and when it intends to make it available”*

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(q) **Question submitted by Mr Steve Masters to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**

*“How many additional beds have been provisioned and filled (nightly average) at Two Saints since 1st November 2018?”*

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(r) **Question submitted by Mr Nassar Kessell to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Transformation and Property**

*“In light of the recent LGA press release regarding the £8billion local council funding ‘black hole’, is West Berkshire Council anticipating further reductions to local services over the next 4-8 years?”*

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### 5. **Petitions**

Councillors or Members of the public may present any petition which they have received. These will normally be referred to the appropriate Committee without discussion.

### Items as timetabled in the Forward Plan

	<b>Pages</b>
<b>6. Investment and Borrowing Strategy 2019/20 (C3613)</b> (CSP: MEC & MEC1) Purpose: In compliance with the Local Government Act 2003, this report summarises the Council's borrowing limits as set out by CIPFA's Prudential Code and recommends the Annual Investment and Borrowing Strategy for 2019/20.	15 - 32
<b>7. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019/20 to 2021/22 (C3614)</b> (CSP: MEC & MEC1) Purpose: To agree the medium term financial planning and strategy for the organisation.	33 - 56
<b>8. Capital Strategy and Programme 2019/20 to 2021/22 (C3615)</b> (CSP: BEC, SLE, P&S, HQL, MEC, BEC1, BEC2, SLE2, P&S1, HQL1, MEC1) Purpose: To outline the three year Capital Strategy for 2019 to 2022, including the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) and to set out the funding framework for the Council's three year Capital Programme for 2019 to 2022.	57 - 90
<b>9. Revenue Budget 2019/20 (C3616)</b> (CSP: BEC, SLE, P&S, HQL, MEC, BEC1, BEC2, SLE1, SLE2, P&S1, HQL1, MEC1) Purpose: To consider and recommend to Council the 2019/20 Revenue Budget, which proposes a Council Tax requirement of £97.87m requiring a Council Tax increase of 2.99% in 2019/20. The Council Tax increase will raise £2.84m. The report also proposes the Fees and Charges for 2019/20 as set out in Appendix H and the Parish Expenses as set out in Appendix I and recommends the level of General Reserves as set out in Appendix F and Appendix G.	91 - 434
<b>10. Revenue Financial Performance Report - Q3 of 2018/19 (EX3563)</b> (CSP: MEC & MEC1) Purpose: To inform Members of the latest revenue financial performance for 2018/19.	435 - 466



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11. **Capital Financial Performance Report - Q3 of 2018/19 (EX3593)** 467 - 482  
(CSP: MEC & MEC1)  
Purpose: To inform Members of the progress with major capital schemes, particularly those considered to be high risk, and forecast spend against the 2019/19 approved capital budget.
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12. **Final Schools Funding Formula 2019/20 (EX3681)** 483 - 514  
Purpose: To agree the school funding formula for primary and secondary schools for 2019/20.
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13. **Business Rates Discretionary Rate Relief Policy (EX3677)** 515 - 536  
(CSP: MEC & MEC1)  
Purpose: To update the approach for awarding the new 2017 Discretionary Rate Relief for 2018/19 and 2019/20.
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14. **Members' Questions**  
Members of the Executive to answer questions submitted by Councillors in accordance with the Executive Procedure Rules contained in the Council's Constitution.
- (a) **Question submitted by Councillor Alan Macro to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**  
*"Could the portfolio holder outline what the Council's current position is regarding the potential major development at Grazeley and are any joint bids being considered?"*
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- (b) **Question submitted by Councillor Jeff Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport, Environment and Countryside**  
*"What recompense will the Council be expecting from SSE following the Parkway roadworks shambles?"*
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- (c) **Question submitted by Councillor Alan Macro to the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport, Environment and Countryside**  
*"What does the Council do to monitor traffic flow at roadworks at weekends?"*
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- (d) **Question submitted by Councillor Jeff Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People**  
*"When will the Council commit to reopening the important youth facility at Waterside?"*
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- (e) **Question submitted by Councillor Lee Dillon to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**  
*"Given that the LRIE project was last marked as being red on the last quarterly performance report, what is the Council doing to get it back on track?"*
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- (f) **Question submitted by Councillor Alan Macro to the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport, Environment and Countryside**  
*“Will the Council consider adding priority footpaths to the gritting schedule given the recent weather conditions?”*

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- (g) **Question submitted by Councillor Lee Dillon to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Transformation and Property**  
*“When did the Council last carry out a full review of the £14.3 million it has in reserves?”*
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Andy Day  
Head of Strategic Support

### **West Berkshire Council Strategy Aims and Priorities**

#### **Council Strategy Aims:**

- BEC** – Better educated communities
- SLE** – A stronger local economy
- P&S** – Protect and support those who need it
- HQL** – Maintain a high quality of life within our communities
- MEC** – Become an even more effective Council

#### **Council Strategy Priorities:**

- BEC1** – Improve educational attainment
- BEC2** – Close the educational attainment gap
- SLE1** – Enable the completion of more affordable housing
- SLE2** – Deliver or enable key infrastructure improvements in relation to roads, rail, flood prevention, regeneration and the digital economy
- P&S1** – Good at safeguarding children and vulnerable adults
- HQL1** – Support communities to do more to help themselves
- MEC1** – Become an even more effective Council

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